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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 May 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/12/2005</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of the inclusion of the legal phraseology "said" and "means". Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the disclosure should not refer to the claims by number (note page 1 at numbered lines 5 and 18).

Appropriate correction is required.

4. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 15, 16 and 18 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 7, "or 10 preferably", and line 19, "the 25 guide rods" should be corrected.

In claim 5, line 2, "mould pails" should be --mould parts--.

In claim 6, line 2, "one 15 another" should be corrected.

In claim 9, line 4, "men" should be --then--.

In claim 15, line 1, "mould pails" should be --mould parts--.

In claim 16, line 1, "mould pails" should be --mould parts--.

In claim 18, line 3, "men" should be --then--.

Appropriate correction is required.

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 7, the use of “preferably” renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation is part of the claimed invention; see MPEP § 2173.05(d). Further in claim 1, line 18, “the free ends” lacks proper antecedent basis in the claim. Claims 2-18 are rejected due to their dependence on indefinite claim 1.

In claims 3 and 12, “the bearings” should be --the bearing means-- for proper antecedent basis.

In claim 6, line 2, “two pilot holes” should be --two of said pilot holes-- for clarity.

In claim 11, line 3, “e.g., at one end thereof” renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation is part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

7. Claims 1-18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a mould assembly comprising first and second mould parts connected by a hinge mechanism with a hinge line extending parallel to the mould parts in the longitudinal direction of the mould for turning of the mold parts in relation to each other between a first open position and a second partially closed position in which the second mould part is rotated about the hinge line such that its opening faces downwards towards the opening of the first mould part, and displacement means for a rectilinear translational movement of the second mould part between the second position and a third position in which

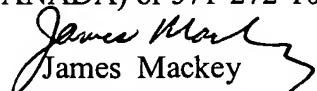
the mould parts meet, wherein the displacement means comprise protractile guide rods mounted on one of the mould parts along the longitudinal sides thereof parallel to the hinge line, associated bearing means on the longitudinal sides of the other mould part for receiving the free ends of the guide rods such that the second mould part rests on the guide rods in the second position, and drive means for displacing the guide rods to move the mould parts between the second and third positions, as claimed in claim 1; the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a method of using such a mould assembly as claimed in claims 9-11 and 18.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Mackey whose telephone number is 571-272-1135. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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